

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

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development of a tribal priority list or TTIP. To be consistent with State and MPO planning practices, the tribe or BIA (for direct service tribes) should:

- (a) Review the IRR long-range transportation plan annually; and
- (b) Update the plan every 5 years.

§ 170.415 What is pre-project planning?

(a) Pre-project planning is part of overall transportation planning and includes the activities conducted before final project approval on the IRR Transportation Improvement Program (IRRTIP). These activities include;

- (1) Preliminary project cost estimates;
- (2) Certification of public involvement;
- (3) Consultation and coordination with States and/or MPO's for a regionally significant projects;
- (4) Preliminary needs assessments; and
- (5) Preliminary environmental and archeological reviews.

(b) The BIA regional office must work cooperatively with tribal, state, regional, and metropolitan transportation planning organizations concerning the leveraging of funds from non-IRR Program sources and identification of other funding sources to expedite the planning, design, and construction of projects on the IRRTIP.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

§ 170.420 What is the tribal priority list?

The tribal priority list is a list of all transportation projects that the tribe wants funded. The list:

- (a) May or may not identify projects in order of priority;
- (b) Is not financially constrained; and
- (c) Is provided to BIA by official tribal action, unless the tribal government submits a Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP).

§ 170.421 What is the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP)?

The TTIP:

- (a) Must be consistent with the tribal long-range transportation plan;

(b) Must contain all IRR Program funded projects programmed for construction in the next 3 to 5 years;

(c) Must identify the implementation year of each project scheduled to begin within the next 3 to 5 years;

(d) May include other Federal, State, county, and municipal, transportation projects initiated by or developed in cooperation with the tribal government;

(e) Will be reviewed and updated as necessary by the tribal government;

(f) Can be changed only by the tribal government; and

(g) Must be forwarded to BIA by resolution or by tribally authorized government action for inclusion into the IRRTIP.

§ 170.422 What is the IRR Transportation Improvement Program (IRRTIP)?

The IRRTIP:

(a) Is financially constrained;

(b) Must include eligible projects from tribal TTIPs;

(c) Is selected by tribal governments from TTIPs or other tribal actions;

(d) Is organized by year, State, and tribe; and

(e) May include non-IRR projects for inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

§ 170.423 How are projects placed on the IRRTIP?

(a) BIA selects projects from the TTIP or tribal priority list for inclusion on the IRRTIP as follows:

(1) The tribal government develops a list of detailed tasks and information for each project from the tribal priority list or TTIP;

(2) BIA includes this project information in its region-wide control schedule without change, unless the funding required exceeds the amount available to the tribe;

(3) BIA must include projects that are scheduled in the next 3 to 5 years; and

(4) BIA develops the IRRTIP after consulting with the tribes and taking their priorities into account.

(b) A tribe that does not generate enough annual funding under the IRR Program funding formula to complete a project may either: